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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT COLLECTIVE DEMARCHE REPORTED REFTEL PROVIDED EXTREMELY USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR GOI DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA DURING HIS VISIT.
2. USUN SHOULD SEEK CONTACT GROUP APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY INDIANS (PARA 2 REFTEL):

A) ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY STRENGTH IN WALVIS BAY IS ABOUT 1,500 MEN AND MAJOR FUNCTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN WALVIS BAY IS FOR INFANTRY TRAINING OF MILITARY INDUCTEES. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS TO INDIANS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM SOUTH AFRICA THAT THEIR MILITARY FORCES IN WALVIS BAY WOULD NOT BE INCREASED DURING TRANSITION PERIOD, I.E., FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM NAMIBIA WOULD NOT BE REDEPLOYED TO WALVIS BAY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN WALVIS BAY WOULD REPRESENT THREAT TO THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS.

B) SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL THAT ITS FORCES BE REDUCED TO 1,500 MEN PRIOR TO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND RESTRICTED TO ONE OR TWO BASES. WE ARE HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THE SAG WILL ACCEPT THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL INCLUDING ITS PROVISIONS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL. PRIOR SWAPO APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE A POWERFUL INCENTIVE FOR THE SAG TO GO ALONG.

C) THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE SHOULD COME DURING 1978, AS HAVE THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP.
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THE PRINCIPLE OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE HAS, THEREFORE, NOT REALLY BEEN AT ISSUE DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE MODALITIES OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MAJOR SUBJECTS UNDER NEGOTIATION, AND THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES ONE WEEK AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS. SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD, OF COURSE, INCLUDE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROVISION.

3. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF NAMIBIAN ISSUE WITH GOI OFFICIALS, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO SUCCESS OF CONTACT GROUP'S NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD MENTION THAT CONTACT GROUP WILL PROBABLY SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO SECURITY COUNCIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 10 AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL DURING COUNCIL DISCUSSION. (FYI: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION PRIOR TO CONTACT GROUP AGREEMENT AND RECEIPT OF MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION TO CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL TO GIVE SPECIFICS ON TYPE OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WHICH WILL

BE SOUGHT. WE WILL PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY
TO NEW DELHI FOR USE WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS. IN THE
MEANTIME, EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS POSSIBLE SECURITY
COUNCIL ACTION IN GENERAL TERMS WHILE ENCOURAGING
POSITIVE INDIAN RESPONSE TO OUR INITIATIVE. END FYI)

4. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF CONTACT GROUP ACTION ON
PROPOSED RESPONSES AND ANY OTHER POINTS WHICH CONTACT
GROUP MEMBERS BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE AT THIS TIME TO GOI.

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